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SUBJ: GOV. HERNANDEZ-COLON'S VIEWS ON US-CUBAN RELATIONS

1. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION WITH AMB. SCALI MAY 14 ON OTHER MATTERS (SEPTTEL), GOV. HERNANDEZ-COLON SAID IT NOT CLEAR TO HIM FROM NEWSPAPERS WHETHER US IN FACT CHANGING ITS POLICY TOWARDS CUBA. HE URGED THAT IF USG PLANNING RAPPROCHMENT WITH CUBA, IT INSIST, AS PART OF BARGAIN, THAT CUBA STOP INTERVENING IN PR'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS BY SUPPORTING PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY. GOVERNOR STRESSED REPEATEDLY THAT IT VERY IMPORTANT TO HIM POLITICALLY TO HAVE ADVANCE WARNING IF AND WHEN USG BEGINS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH CUBA. HE HOPED THAT USG WOULD NOT ADMINISTER TO HIM "SHOCK" SIMILAR TO THAT GIVEN TO JAPANESE IN CONNECTION WITH US-PRC NORMALIZATION. WHILE NOT COMMENTING DIRECTLY ON DESIRABILITY OF US-CUBAN RAPPROCHEMENT, GOVERNOR NOTED THAT PUERTO RICO WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO PAY SOME INITIAL ECONOMIC PRICE, EITHER THROUGH DECLINE IN TOURISM OR IN REDUCTION ITS SUGAR QUOTA.

2. SCALI SAID HE UNAWARE ANY CHANGE COMTEMPLATED WITH REGARD TO CUBA AND IS SURE USG WILL KEEP PR'S SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS IN MIND WHEN ANY IMPORTANT MOVES COMTEMPLATED.  
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